

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/585,733) : TC/Art Unit: 2826
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS,)
SOLID STATE IMAGE PICKUP)
DEVICE USING THE SAME, AND)
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
THEM) : April 2, 2009

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SUBMISSION OF SWORN TRANSLATION OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a sworn English translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-099346, filed in Japan on March 30, 2004, from which the present application claims the benefit of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0263657 A1 (Sakamoto et al.), which is cited as a prior-art reference in the Office Action dated November 17, 2008, has a U.S. filing date of May 19, 2004, whereas the present application is entitled to a foreign priority date of March 30, 2004, in view of the sworn translation submitted herewith. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that Sakamoto et al. be removed as a prior-art reference. (Please see

Applicant's additional comments in this regard in the Amendment filed on March 3, 2009.)

No petition or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is believed to be necessary for the present submission. If, however, such a petition is required to have this submission entered and considered, then this paper should be considered such a petition and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite petition fee to Deposit Account 50-3939.

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